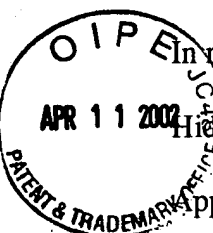


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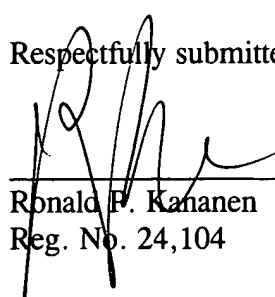
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 13, 2002 (copy of which is returned herewith), attached hereto is a Declaration and Power of Attorney, duly executed by the inventor, referring to the above-identified serial number and filing date in compliance with 37 CFR §1.116. Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the surcharge for other than a small entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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